



**£29.99** **Geax Gato**

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Geax tyres are always tough and long lasting, but the Gato is an impressively grippy and quick intermediate tyre for XC or race work.

The low, tractor-style tread pattern of alternating sidebars keeps it clear in clag, and fast-rolling. The thin, low volume carcass cuts through gloop to find grip, and it's fast and responsive compared to the spiky opposition here.

The more aggressive, closely spaced side knobs give good cornering and

off-camber bite, and the small size means there's masses of mud room, though you need to keep pressures high to stop pinch flats. What surprised us was how it coped with random roots and rocks, with decent control despite a relatively hard, long lasting compound.



**Surprisingly good wet weather grip and masses of skinny fit clearance**

